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The testimonial to be presented to Captain Walker of the O. & O. Be'gie has already been numerously signed in Yokohama (says the *Hiogo News*). His friends in Kobe will be glad to know that it is now lying for

The following is the form of the testimonial, drawn up as a letter for news-

"Sir"—We, the undersigned, who are either well acquainted or have travelled with Captain Walker, having read the Report of the Naval Court of Enquiry into the stranding of the steamship *Belgie*, desire to give public expression to our indignant protest against the attempt that was made by the Chief Officer of that vessel to impeach the character of his Commander for the strictest sobriety.

Walker and others enable us to add to the unanimous acquittal of the Court, our most positive, emphatic, and united denial of the cruel charge which has been made against him.

* We are, Sir,
* Your obedient Servants.

**THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEW
KOREAN GOVERNMENT.**

Kobe, November 1.

It has already been stated that Russian France, and the United States, sitting together, it is believed, with Germany, have refused to recognise the new Ministry in Korea.

Now it is rumored, according to a ver-
cultural contemporary, that the Japanese
Cabinet is also considering the question
to whether the new Ministry should
should not be restricted, there is a strong
disposition to follow the example set by
European Powers.—*Chronicle*.

THE NEW LINE FROM JAPAN.
The following appeared in the *Chronicle*:
"The first item on the agenda at the meet-
ing of the executive committee of the
Traffic Association to-morrow, Traffic
Manager Curtis will call the attention
to the members to the fact that a Japanese
syndicate has been formed for the purpose
of putting on a line of steamships between

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LATE TELEGRAM.
(From Japanese Papers.)
THE KOREAN DISBANDED.
Tokyo, October 31.—The Government received a telegram last night from Seoul stating that the Korean Government has disbanded the Palcos guards and the Korean and have recruited a new body composed of men selected from each of the disbanded corps. Two thirds of the recruits, it was reported, are from the Seoul South, have abandoned their weapons and are unknown.

reaching the coast of Japan, and the
the transportation of Japs, and the
regulating the arrangements for the
residence of Liou-tung was held yester-
day and matters were so far advanced
that probably only one more meeting will
be necessary.

ANOTHER DEPOSITION.

Sent. Oct. 11.—Mr. Hasegawa Yatsunari,
a Japanese translator in the War De-
partment of the Korean Government, has re-
solved to leave the peninsula.

RETURN TO SAIL.

Tokyo, Nov. 1.—Sail steamer at
which Mr. Ko Eiki, ex-Japanese Minister
Japan, and Mr. Li Suijun, Korean
Ambassador, returned to Seoul yesterday.

MORE PRISONERS AT HONGKONG.

Hongkong, Nov. 1.—The Echigo-
damo with Major Mayhara and five other
officers on board, arrived at Ujona
today, and the accused were at once

The increasing activity in maroonish circles gives birth to schemes for new docks and new harbours. The latest dock scheme formulated by capitalists in Wakayama prefecture, is to build a company wharf at Katsunaga, near the mouth of the Katsunaga river, and to build a dock at Onikubura in Katsunaga, Wakayama prefecture. The proposed capital is yen 500,000. — *Kobe Chronicle*.

The Japanese residents at Chemulpo are in good-chance community, and intend to reduce their expenditure on kerosene by installing the electric light. The Japanese Consulate on the measures for the reduction of the consumption of kerosene by the installation of an electric light company. Chemulpo will be distinguished as the city of the Japanese settlements and should be maintained in this way. — *Kobe Chronicle*.

Private letters received in Rome earlier this week from the King of Korea invited the Duke of Sze to visit him at Seoul. The Duke accepted and went there, accompanied by Commander Bertolini and others. The Duke and the King discussed the situation and the King insisted that he should be dined. It was the first time, says the Rome correspondent who gives the news, that a European Prince has sat at table with the King of Korea.

An irrepressible pointer suggests to the Duke that the Duke should have preference to the King's table. The Duke is given the leading. "Lying tongue" was especially appropriate as the Duke's first remark at the table was "various" among other words considered given to the suggestion. He said that the Japanese troops are to be in the peninsula until next spring, as winter clothing is being forwarded to now it is supposed that the Japanese will be in the peninsula for the remainder of the indemnity is paid and quite prepared to learn how long, and another variant, that there is Japanese troops in the peninsula at the present time. Many have

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